

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: Antigenically Reactive Regions of  
The Hepatitis A Virus Polyprotein

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examining the application identified above, please amend the application  
as follows:

In the Claims:

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Please cancel Claims 2-68.

Please add the following new claims:

69. (New) The immunogenic peptide of claim 1, wherein said immunogenic  
peptide binds to an antibody specifically immunoreactive with a peptide selected from the group  
consisting of SEQ ID NOS: 1-10 and conservative variations thereof.

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